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RESOURCE CENTRE

SAC club fund is bare, $10,000 spent to date

By SYLVIA BAAGO

Niagara College has more clubs than ever before, and the Student Administrative Council (SAC) club budget is all gone.

There are 15 recognized clubs this year, including seven new ones, Pam Walker, club convener, said, and SAC has already donated more than $10,000 to the clubs.

"We had no way of knowing there would be so many new clubs when we drafted the budget," John Rocca, SAC executive vice- president, said.

SAC allocated a total of $9,500 for clubs in this year's budget, based on a total of $7,177 spent on clubs during the previous year, which is "really the only thing we have to go on," John said.

Even so, funding to clubs has increased considerably since the fall term of '76, when according to SAC books last year, only $2,022 had been given to clubs from a total budgetary allocation of $8,000.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Niagara Writers' Club who approached SAC on Jan. 24 for $1,500 toward their upcoming trip to New York, felt the full brunt of the budgetary deficit when their request was cut to $600. Other clubs who asked SAC for money recently, including the ski club, have also had their requests cut down considerably.

The Writers' Club budget was passed by SAC at a closed meeting since there were not enough representatives to form a referendum at the regular Tuesday meeting.

SAC spokesmen expressed some concern at the increase in the number of clubs requesting funds, and Doug Radelja, vice-president of athletics said, "All clubs should come to a meeting and report on their status."

As well, SAC spokesmen questioned the validity of the various clubs' activities, and Brian Rohe, SAC president, said, "Every course is forming a club just to get money to go on trips."

Concern was also expressed that many clubs seem to be the here today and gone tomorrow variety and "seem to disappear as soon as they come back from their trip," Brian said. "As far as I'm concerned it's getting out of hand."

His remarks met with agreement by other members, and Doug said, "A lot of clubs seem to have no stability at all."

Later, SAC spokesmen told the News that further funding for clubs would have to be allocated from the contingency fund and the special events fund.

Bottom left to right, students Bob Laidley and Georgina Graham. Top Tom Ball, technician and plant curator, instructor Peter Thompstone, student Peter Kohler and John Pierce, instructor.

Hort. students win best display award

By MARK MACMILLAN

Winning from among a selective field of Ontario colleges and universities, Niagara's horticulture program took the award for the best student display at the annual Landscape Ontario Congress on Jan. 26.

The congress is held at the Sheraton Centre, 123 Queen St., Toronto, "to provide a forum for the exchange of new ideas and trends in horticulture," Peter Thompstone, horticulture instructor, said.

Bob Laidley accepted the award from Gordon Shuttleworth, congress chairman and president of Landscape Ontario. The display represented the diverse nature of the horticulture program. "Landscape design is just one small part of the horticulture centre," Joe Reid, a first year student, said.

Niagara's display included pictorial and actual collections of pests and diseases, plant identification, landscaping, chemical growth control, arboriculture, and photos of field trips to Ottawa, the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens, Meadowlands and the New York Botanical Gardens.

The universities of Toronto and Guelph, Durham, Ryerson and Fanshawe and Algonquin colleges competed for the display award with information and designs from their horticulture programs.

Other than student displays, the convention's presentations included lectures, greenhouse and nursery representatives from industry and horticulture products from greenhouse design to earthworm castings.

GOOD CONTACTS

Don McInnes, a first year student at Niagara, said: "The congress offers good exposure for the students, especially if you graduate this term because there are a lot of good contacts to be made here."

"The full scope of the industry is represented from contracters to suppliers to nurserymen," Mr. Thompstone said. "It is like a trade show with exhibits of new

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French study program offered

French-language instruction courses and courses in professional development offered in French may be available to Niagara faculty and staff in May and June.

The courses will be funded by three government agencies. The amount of money available will depend on how well faculty and staff respond to the information questionnaire sheet that will be distributed to them.

The sheet outlines the possibilities of the project and asks each individual to assess his French-speaking abilities.

"It's important; we need this," said Marcella Therrien, French instructor. "It's important for us to develop as professionals."

Mrs. Therrien, along with secretarial skills students, prepared the information sheet. Anyone who doesn't receive one can contact Mrs. Therrien at ext. 284, or pick one up at her office in Portable Two.

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New counselling centre opens in Niagara Falls

By SYLVIA BAAGO

Niagara College has been given $25,000 to administer a pilot project which will establish a career counselling centre in Niagara Falls for area unemployed youth.

The centre, expected to open this week, will be co-ordinated by George Repar, head of counselling at Niagara.

Mr. Repar said the unemployment rate among Niagara Region youth is probably second or third highest in the province, and the prime objective of the project will be to help young people in career planning and job searching skills. Funds for the project come from the ministry of colleges and universities.

The centre, on Victoria Avenue, is expected to open today or tomorrow, Mr. Repar said. It will also be the co-ordinating unit for the Ontario Career Action Program (OCAP) throughout the peninsula. OCAP is a provincially funded project which provides paid, on-the-job training.

Eric Madsen, OCAP counsellor, has been appointed director of the centre which will also employ some part-time clerical assistants, Mr. Repar said. Other staffing has not yet been determined.

The need for career centres was discovered by the ministry through OCAP because "counsellors working with young people in OCAP in terms of job placement find a lot of students are not equipped with job hunting skills," Mr. Repar said.

The ministry decided to fund demonstration projects in four colleges, including Niagara, to counsel unemployed young people in career planning, career creation and job searching.

The projects are funded for a one-year period, with a comprehensive evaluation in six months to indicate the viability of the project. The money will be discontinued if no need is shown, he said.

The program has a lot of potential in the area, Mr. Repar said. A target group to work with is 450 newly graduated high school students. There are three times as many applicants for OCAP as there are jobs available and, in addition, there is a core of unemployed youth.

Niagara Falls was chosen as

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Deadline for jobs

The news story on Niagara College becoming a conservation centre has produced a flood of applicants to Canada Manpower for the limited number of jobs which may be available, but the applications are in vain.

Applicants must be unemployed with Canada Manpower on or before Dec. 15, 1977. These are stipulations of the funding under which the project is to be carried out.

Tomes, tapes and trivia in NC library

By ANNITA NEWELL

"Let's go down to the library and watch cartoons," may sound like Mad magazine dialogue or the wishful thinking of a bored student, but it isn't.

A side-splitting cartoon film called Neighbours is only one of more than 400 films free for the viewing in the Niagara College library, along with more than 600 video tapes, vast amounts of information on microfilm and microfiche, newspaper and magazine stories, government documents and statistics and much, much more.

All this and about 28,000 books to boot make it plain that the library at Niagara College is more than just a library — it is indeed a resource centre, and one which anyone would think is most up to date.

Stephen Kees, senior librarian, sits in his office amidst a welter of books, pamphlets and papers and says with a twinkle in his eye, "On opening day we had no books." Mr. Kees has been in charge of the library since that day in September, 1967 and says he has seen many changes in the last 10 years.

The library acquired about 4,000 books through a provincial government scheme that first year and has never looked back since. Now the staff of eight librarians and technicians can help a student or instructor find information on almost any subject he or she can name, referring to any number of books, magazines and films.

No one who asks for help or information in the library need feel silly or stupid. No request is considered too ignorant because "we were all there once," Mr. Kees stresses. "I emphasize to my staff that the students come first."

Subjects on film range through every area imaginable including Red China, Satan's Choice, Hutterites, Wire Sizes and Voltage Drops, Sexuality and Communications and Pruning Practices at the Brooklyn Botanial Gardens.

A small sampling of the titles available on video tape are Future Shock, Travels with Stephen Leacock, The Legacy of Lenin, Primal Therapy, The Little Mermaid, The Andromeda Strain and even Dr. Seuss.

Video tapes are also fast becoming a teaching tool used by instructors at the college and

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Hundreds say 'Farewell'

By IRENE BRENNER

Everyone pitched in and made the evening memorable. A. S. Manera was leaving after six years as college president. He was given a painting, a sketch and even a game. There were decorations, music, drinks, dinner, speeches and many remarks such as: "I'm sorry to see a good man go."

Despite the snow, wind and cold on Jan. 27, about 200 people came out to wish the president good luck and show their respect and admiration for him.

There was laughter and small talk as ladies in long gowns and mink stoles, and gentlemen in their best suits sauntered into the changed cafeteria.

The cafeteria had gone through a transformation during the day. Three long tables down the centre of the room and two on a 45 degree angle all pointed towards the head table. Blue carnations and white daisy chrysanthemums and ivy, arranged by the horticulture program, were in hanging baskets around the cafeteria. Mary

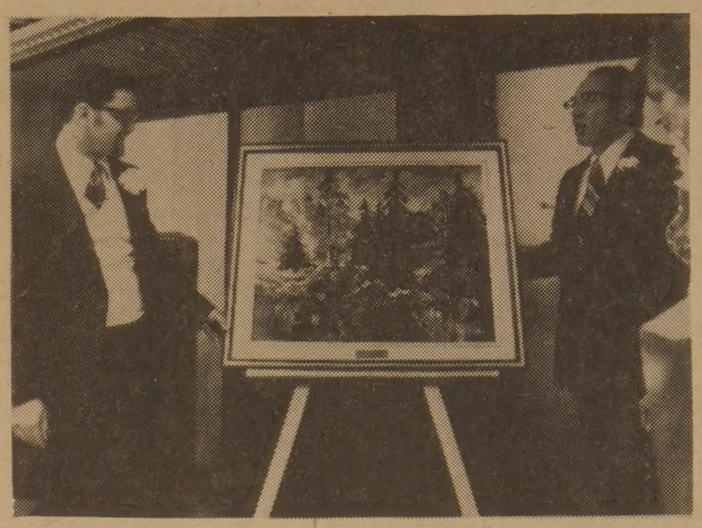
A. S. MANERA

Petruzella, head of the decorating committee had the college colors of blue, navy and white draped around the room, hiding its true identity.

Jests were heard while drinks were served by Myron Kukla, information officer; Ed Krikorian, plant and property, and Pat Della Valle, receiver, who volunteered their services.

EXCELLENT SERVICE

Soft music played and many spoke of the "excellent service of Tony Manera." Some spoke of the storm. Mingling with people were Mr. and Mrs. Manera. He wore a navy pin-striped suit, off-white vest and a white shirt with a navy and white tie. She wore an elegant, soft-flowing evening gown with draping empire waistline. Both were given corsages designed by Welland



Anthony Manera and John Giancarlo pose with painting presented to Mr. Manera at the party. (Photo by Kelly)

Vale students.

A red carpet donated by Audette Tile Centre, Welland, was laid in front of the head table. There the president and his wife sat. Also sharing the head table were Mr. and Mrs. John Giancarlo, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Strawford, Miss Mary Hornak and Mrs. Ann Houtby.

The dinner began with Arnot P. McIntee, dean of business, saying grace. After a toast to the queen, everyone sat down to a delicious meal catered by Niagara Frontier Caterers, with Fred Bomers in charge. The menu included orange surprise, tossed salad, veal cutlet with sauce, stuffed tomato (rice pilaf), green peas, parsley potatoes, rolls and butter, flaming baked Alaska, and coffee or tea. A semi-dry wine made many hearts merry.

Mrs. Majorie Stirtzinger, Fonthill, played the piano during the meal. One table of guests started singing as she played the sweet tune of Edelweiss. The retired school teacher gave her services even though she had never met Mr. Manera. "I enjoy it. I don't do a great deal of this sort of thing," she said.

SPECTACULAR SHOW

When the main course was finished, the lights were dimmed. Everyone stood to sing Auld Lang Syne as Mr. Bomers gave a spectacular show by lighting his baked Alaska.

Remarks such as "That was a good meal," were heard as every one sat back to listen to the amusing farewell speech from Mr. Manera. It was a friendly speech with subtle comments to some of his colleagues, creating the sound of chuckles and the mood of nostalgia.

He expressed his feelings and gratitude by saying: "I feel very touched by all your expressions tonight and in the past. ...Thank you very, very much and I will miss you all very much."

Mr. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts and chairman of the management committee, thanked Mr. Manera for his leadership in the past six years. He presented Mr. Manera with a gift. It was in memory of last year's blizzard when Mr. Manera along with about 700 people was stranded at Niagara for three days. The gift was a game entitled the Blizzard of '77.

FOREST SCENE

A painting of a Canadian forest scene by Ms Veeny Vabalis was presented to Mr. Manera. W. H. Burton, chairman of the board of governors, unveiled a bronze plaque with Manera Court engraved on it. Mrs. Manera was given an umbrella as a gift "to go out west" with. Austin Jelbert, journalism co-ordinator, gave Mr. Manera an advance copy of the *Niagara News*, which was dedicated especially to the president.

A spectacular three-by-three-and-a-half foot sketch of Mr. Manera hung above the president. Ron Gordon, interior design instructor, sketched the portrait on masonite painted white. He reproduced it from a sketch Ken Cosgrove, art instructor, had made from a photograph. The sketch was framed with a green, white and red ribbon — the Italian colors.

After the song of For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, everyone gave their personal congratulations to the president.

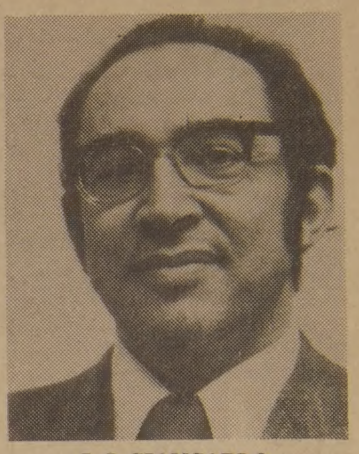
The piano kept playing. Some sang, some danced, some went home. Mr. Strawford, master of ceremonies, said: "This event couldn't take place without Tony leaving." It's true they were all there because they were "sorry to see a good man go."

Appoint Giancarlo new chief executive

I.J. Giancarlo, dean of applied arts, was named chief executive officer of Niagara College by the board of governors on Jan. 28.

This is not the first time Mr. Giancarlo has filled in during the absence of a new college president. He served in the same capacity from July to December, 1971, when Dr. George Bowen resigned and before Mr. Manera was appointed president.

Mr. Giancarlo plans to divide his time right down the middle, serving as chief executive officer in the mornings and as dean of applied arts in the afternoons.



I. J. GIANCARLO

Evelyn Gay appointed extension chairman

Evelyn Gay, director of the School of Nursing, Niagara Falls, has been appointed chairman of extension for the school of health sciences, effective Sept. 1.

Miss Gay had a background of in-service education at the Greater Niagara General Hospital before taking over the duties of director of the school of nursing. She has a broad knowledge of the health care field from her experience as a nurse, from reading, conferences attended and contact with many of the people with whom an extension chairman would have to deal.

Miss Gay's qualifications were sent by Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, to the Board of Governors and the appointment was made official at the Jan. 28 meeting.

"I am very pleased with the appointment," Miss Gay said. "It will be a challenge in a new field."

When the Niagara Falls centre closes on Aug. 31, Miss Gay's position as chairman of nursing will become redundant.

"The continuing education activities are becoming more and more important," Mr. Habermehl said. "I would see this area of activities growing in the next few years."

The school of health sciences was the only school within the college without a full-time chairman for continuing education.

Robert Baddeley was responsible for both the full and part-time programs in the health sciences division.

Violin collects dust while teacher heals

A violin will collect dust in Willard Wright's closet for a month.

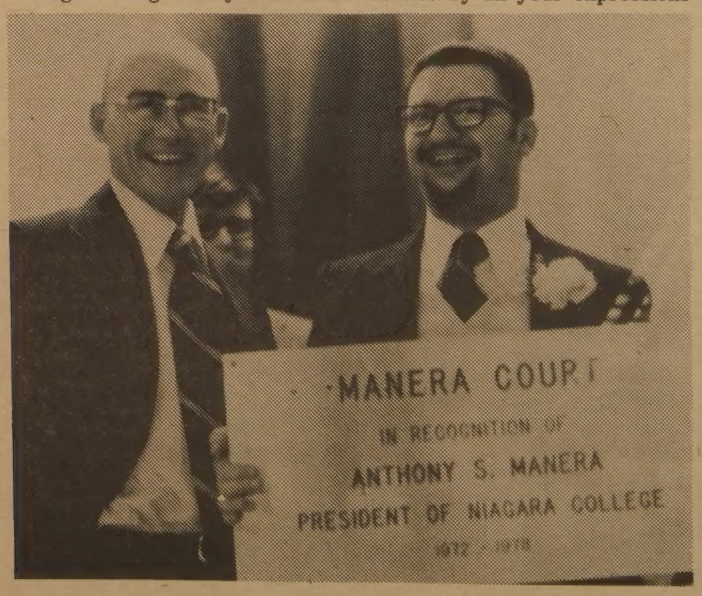
Mr. Wright, consumer studies and economics teacher at Niagara College, developed bursitis in his right arm recently and must keep his arm in a sling.

Bursitis is caused by inflammation of the bursa, a sheath surrounding muscle fibres, Mr. Wright said. The affected limb must be immobilized until the inflammation subsides.

Rest and medication are the only treatment, Mr. Wright said, which keeps the blackboards clean and his violin silent.

Mr. Wright also had trouble with his right knee last year. Walking home, he slipped and fell on ice, tearing ligaments and cartilage in his knee. He was in a wheelchair and a cast for a month; physiotherapy treatments soon had him on his feet again.

The weather has not affected his arm, Mr. Wright said, which preserves journalism program co-ordinator Austin Jelbert's status as the only "human barometer" at the college.



Journalism co-ordinator Austin Jelbert and Mr. Manera are all smiles as Mr. Manera shows his plaque. (Photo by Kelly)

Tree topples, dents Datsun

Ron Gordon made it safely home through the big storm Jan. 26, but then his luck ran out. Minutes later, trouble struck with a screeching sound in his own driveway.

Mr. Gordon, interior design instructor, had his little brown Datsun "dented here and there" when a huge pine tree on his property on Yates Street in St. Catharines blew over.

He said he got home at 2 p.m. and was "just lucky" that he was not still in the car when the tree toppled just after he had entered the house.

Vandals get their kicks damaging food machine

Vandals wilfully damaged the food machine in the Simcoe building during the snowstorm Jan. 26. Anybody stranded at the college would have had to go hungry as it was the only source of food at the college.

"I have had nothing but trouble with that machine," Jack Hutchison, Niagara Frontier Caterers, said. "Because the machine was kicked and banged it has thrown everything out of adjustment.

"It's a finely set machine. A repairman had to be called in to fix it."

The four-foot fluorescent light bulb in the food machine on the first floor of the Simcoe building was smashed and scattered throughout the shelves. Jack had to throw out all the food in the machine.

The college was closed at 11:30 a.m. but second year journalism students stayed in the newsroom until 5 p.m. during the snowstorm preparing the Niagara News for publication, and had to do without food because of the damage to the machine.

One journalism student saw "three guys with a heavy stick, trying to force it in the door, kicking and shoving."

"They said to me, 'What else is there to do?' " she said.

Roving Reporter: *Some hope, some despair for future employment*

What do you think of your employment chances [full-time or summer] in view of the high unemployment this year. Where do you hope to work?

Nursing

Karen Buetow-first year nursing:
I don't plan on working in the summer but after second year I think it will be pretty easy to find employment because I plan to go north.

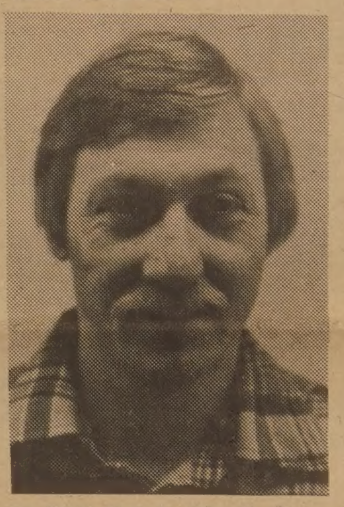
Rose Watson-first year nursing:
I just quit my job because of school work and if I can't find a summer job I'll do volunteer work. When I'm finished the course, I plan to go overseas.

Kim Bodde — first-year nursing:
I may be working at Miracle Mart for the summer and after I finish the course I am undecided as to where I will be going, but I do feel the opportunity is there.

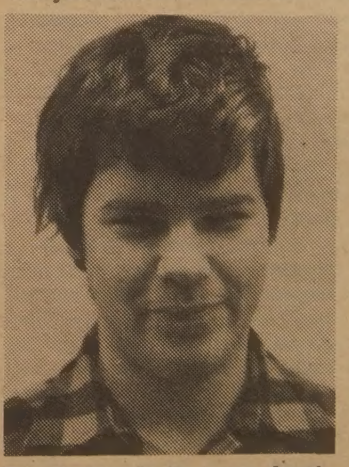
Wanda Burgess-first year nursing:
I won't be working this summer because I'm getting married. When I finish the course I'd like to work in the Niagara peninsula but if I'm not able to, I'd go down to the States. I think the job opportunities will be getting better soon and if you're willing to relocate it is pretty easy to find a job.

Liz Witlib-first-year nursing:
So far I have a part-time job in Zellers in Welland and when I finish school I may go to the States. I'm hoping I will be able to find a job and I think the chances are pretty good.

Horticulture



Joe Reid, first year horticulture:
Employment chances are good. There is a good chance of summer employment in the horticulture field. We have to put in 500 hours of practical experience in the field in the summer. I applied to work in Vineland and will be applying at private greenhouses in the area because that is what I'm interested in. The way things are right now, there will be no problem finding a job because the demand is higher this year than it ever has been.



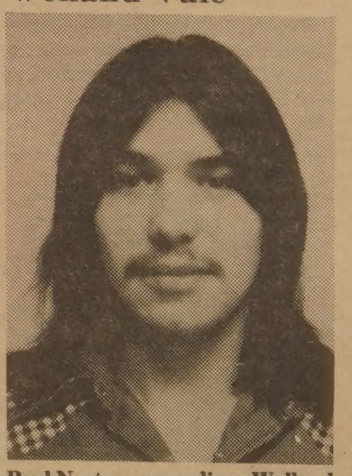
Dan Ondrusek, first year horticulture:
I'm still hunting for a job and have submitted a resume to Vineland and may possibly secure a position there. I would really enjoy working for the parks for the summer. I would just like to gain some experience in the field and I do enjoy doing research.

Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, horticulture:
For those students who want to work, there are endless opportunities for them.

Chris Atterbury, second year horticulture:
I think the chances are pretty good depending on the pay you want. If you are willing to start off at a lower paying job, I think the chances are very good. I'd like to stay and work in the Niagara Peninsula.

Annie Van Dyk-Magee, first year horticulture:
There are a lot of hard labor jobs available without much looking but those jobs which you gain experience from and are paid well for must be hunted down.

Welland Vale



Paul Nestor, upgrading, Welland Vale:
I may not be able to find a job through my trade (welding) but being at the college gives you a better chance. I'm going into welding and that too should provide a better opportunity in securing employment.

Laura Paquette — bartending, Welland Vale:
I will be working in the Skylon bar for five months after the course is finished in co-operation with the college. I think it will be pretty easy after that to secure a full-time position.

Carol Brideau, commercial [15th week], Welland Vale:
I'm sure I'll find a job somewhere, maybe not in my field, but definitely summer employment somewhere. I've worked in Bright's canning factory for the last eight years and would probably be able to get back in there for the summer.

Tom Bigford, upgrading, Welland Vale:
I plan on landing a job in a factory in the field of welding. First I have to complete my grade 10 upgrading and then I can go into welding.

Welland Campus

Ernie Reid, second year mechanical design drafting technician:
It is hard to get a job you really want, especially in this area. I have gotten some data on industries, but haven't had a chance to do anything about it yet. I plan to send out resumes as soon as possible. One place from Vineland came to the college, but that was through the co-ordinator. He tries his hardest to see we get a job.

Scott Horner, first year mechanical technician:
Employment opportunities in Fort Erie aren't good in any field.

Diane Burt, first year library technician:
The field is opening up more and more as more libraries require a "Girl Friday;" however, these are out of the Niagara peninsula.

Craig Renwick, first year graphic arts:
Employment opportunities for graphic arts graduates are good and range from designing labels to working the press. Still, you have to go to the larger cities like Toronto for jobs. The graphic arts industry is the third largest in North America. The instructor aids in finding students jobs.

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materials and one of the best ways of getting in touch with what is happening in all facets of horticulture."

Peter Radonivich, local distributor of organic bug control, was a typical delegate. "We manufacture non-toxics killing the pest by dehydrating resulting in healthier plants and soil," he said. "We also sell ladybugs and praying mantes; you can buy 50,000 ladybugs for $30."

STRONG VOICE

Frank Kearney, manager of Downham's in Strathroy, Ont., described some of the objectives and goals of the growers' association. "Landscape Ontario is not an organization we belong to just because it is the thing to do," he said. "I believe it is a strong force with government, it is an active source of information and we publish a monthly horticulture magazine. No one grower can do this of himself and if we strive for a more significant role in government lobbying, benefits can be conferred on all members as growers."

From a student point of view not only are job opportunities available but an insight into the industry can be gained. "There are so many different fields you can go into and there are people here from as far away as Oregon to outline anything from the sales end of it to contracting," Gary Manthorne, Niagara horticulture student, said.

GRASS ROOTS

"There aren't too many growers in the research end of it here today, it is more the grass roots level of actual nitty-gritty nurserymen and greenhouse operators," Mr. Thompstone said. "It is an invaluable source for the small businessman to find out what is happening in the horticulture industry,"

A St. Catharines nurseryman was represented at the congress by Dave Bakker of J.C. Bakker and Sons. "I have hired students during the summer and on a full-time basis and I think Niagara's program is one of the best," Mr. Bakker said. "I rate it as one of the top horticulture schools in Ontario as well as the United States."

Richard Needham, Toronto Globe and Mail columnist and satirist, was the guest speaker at the luncheon. "I don't know what he has to do with horticulture," Joe Reid said. "I could have benefited more by staying at Vineland where I am on field placement for that part of the program." Mr. Needham gave an address entitled "You're lucky to be young and Canadian."

EDITORIAL PAGE

Editorials / Opinions

Situation grim!

The main question in many students' minds is: "Will I get a job?"

It's the beginning of February and employers are beginning to receive application letters: "Dear Sir: I am finishing my year... Is there an opening?...; Are you hiring?...; Do you require help?...

Four weeks later Dear Sir replies: "I'm sorry but...; We are not in need...; There is no opening at this time...; Call back in six months..."

Near the end of last year, the unemployment rate was 8.4 per cent. That's almost 900,000 Canadians. That seems like a lot when the population of Canada is only 22,992,604. It certainly doesn't look very promising. Two hundred thousand new jobs will be needed at the end of 1978 if the unemployment rate stays at 8 per cent, the Economic Council of Canada stated.

University students who went to school for four or five years and have spent thousands of dollars come out looking, and not finding, jobs. People who quit high school are coming to community college because there are no jobs.

Next question. What can be done? Well that's easy. We'll let the government handle it. They can make a law allowing only a certain number to enrol in any particular course. That would be good — then there would be uneducated, unemployed bums instead of educated unemployed bums. That way they're safe from strikes. Or, they could give better student loans and grants. Keep them in school for years. That way jobs are created. They would need more instructors.

Employment is needed in the north. Someone has to watch for Soviet missiles crashing in Canada. We can't depend on the United States forever.

The RCMP seem to have an interesting job. Let more people join their racket.

Everyone could learn to speak French and join Rene Levesque. We'll start our own country.

The government is in such turmoil today it hardly seems likely it is going to stop everything and create jobs for everyone.

Instead of spending so much on unemployment why don't they spend that money on creating jobs. The Unemployment Commission has started a million-dollar advertising campaign to warn people of the penalties if they are caught cheating the commission. Is it worth it?

Students, it looks like we are on our own in finding jobs!

Irene Brenner

Letter to the Editor

The Editor:

I am writing to you in hope of clearing up an apparent misunderstanding concerning the comments of three R-TV program students, published in the Jan. 27 edition of Niagara News. I would like to make it perfectly clear that the letter written by Peter Willams, Tim Sauder and Jim Davey, did not represent the opinions of all of the students in the Radio-TV department. We do appreciate the fact that our program's activities have been given more space than the activities of any other three programs combined. But I do not feel that we should be in debt to Niagara News for this generous coverage. I would prefer to think that the articles were published for their news value only.

Furthermore, I would also like to answer the questions asked in the Editor's Note, concerning the work of radio and television students. It was your opinion that we did not expose our work to public view and criticism. However, the operation of our closed-circuit radio station, the weekly broadcast of Regional Review on cable television across the peninsula, along with features produced for the Ontario Educational Communications Authority, prove that we do expose our work to the public. If it's criticism you're interested in, the radio station has time set aside for weekly editorials, in which everyone in the college is welcome to participate. I trust no bitter feelings between students of Journalism and Radio-TV will result from that one letter.

Sincerely yours
Bruce Wells
R-TV program

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NCAA party

Monday night parties are beginning to be a regular thing for the Howdy Rowdy gang.

The latest was held last Monday, Jan. 30, at the Atlas Maxi-Music lounge. About 150 people turned out for the music and dancing.

Just the bear facts please. According to some authorities, if this bear sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. Isn't that ridiculous! Everyone knows it's the groundhog who predicts. Besides, this bear isn't even real. For the believers, Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog, from the town of the same name in Pennsylvania, came out Thursday and, as predicted, saw his shadow. (Photo by MacMillan)

Groundhog tells weather

By FRANCIS SKRZESZEWSKI

The old trustworthy weather-predicting groundhog and his silhouetted sidekick may be frauds.

Forbidden Voice, an elderly Indian woman living at the Six Nations Indians Reserve near Brantford, predicted this cold, mean winter, not with the help of the fuzzy rodent but with the assistance of the much larger shadow of a bear.

In an article for the Toronto Star, Alma Greene (her English name) says that Indians call the second Day of February the Day of the Bear and not Groundhog Day as does the white man.

The forecast remains the same, though, with six more weeks of snow should the bear see his shadow and return to his den.

Despite the severity of the storms this year, the mean winter temperature of -4.2C is higher than last year's mean of -6C.

The groundhog tradition dates back to an old English tradition concerning Candlemas, a celebration commemorating the purification of Mary, Christ's mother.

An old English folksong says: "If Candlemas be fair and bright, Come, Winter, have another flight; If Candlemas bring clouds and rain, Go, Winter, and come not again."

Actually, says Britannica Encyclopedia, the groundhog, bear, and badger are all associated with the shadow-seeing tradition. Considering the fact that many Niagara area residents may have a hard time recalling whether or not a bear in the neighborhood saw its shadow, the groundhog will probably be continued to be recognized as the absolute authority.

The groundhog and Austin Jelbert's left arm (Jan. 27 edition). Interesting prospects!

CURSES Can't something be done about...

Taxi rip-offs during storms

Dear Editor:

On Friday, Jan. 28, the day after the big storm, I was travelling from Toronto to Welland by bus, via St. Catharines. Upon arriving in the bus terminal in St. Catharines, I phoned for a taxi cab to take me to Welland. There is a direct line from the bus terminal to Central Cab Taxi, so this is the company I called. I was not informed over the telephone of any change in rates, but when the cab arrived, the driver informed me the regular rate of $10 had doubled to $20 because of driving conditions. He said the company had charged $50 during the storm the day before. I took the cab because I did not have any other way to Welland, but I feel this a rip-off.

Christina M. Watkins

The Niagara News contacted several peninsula taxi-cab companies, including Central Cab, and asked what their policy was regarding rates for out-of-town trips during bad weather. The investigation revealed a wide range of policies, with some companies saying their rates stay the same, while other companies said they raise rates a few dollars. Central Cab was the only company which said it actually doubles rates. Some companies said they refuse to send out cabs at all during stormy weather.

The News contacted the records branch of the Niagara Regional Police in St. Catharines, the licensing body which regulates taxi-companies. A spokesman for the records branch said taxi-cab companies can charge as much as they want on out-of-town trips, and the fare charged is "a mutual agreement between the two parties, settled before they leave."

Earl Alton, dispatcher on duty at Central Cab during the two days of the storm, told the News in a telephone interview that every customer "was informed over the phone prices were doubled because of the storm."

Mr. Alton said: "It is company policy to inform customers over the phone. We don't leave it up to the drivers because customers don't believe them that our prices would double because of the conditions."

Art Cascagnette, dispatcher, 4500 Taxi Ltd., Welland, said they usually charge $9 for a trip to St. Catharines, and in stormy conditions "we don't double the rates, but we might charge a couple of extra dollars. If it's that bad we don't go out at all. Last Friday we had a couple of calls out-of-town but we just charged ordinary rates."

Shelley Low, receptionist, Niagara Veteran Taxi Co., Niagara Falls, said: "Our rates stay the same. During the storm, we had a couple of trips to Welland and Thorold with no problems." Ms Low added the regular rate between Niagara Falls and St. Catharines is $9 or $10, depending on the destination within the city.

Ed Shibley, proprieter of Ed's Taxi, Port Colborne, said he doesn't raise his rates in bad weather, but "cabs can charge any price they want outside the city. Some drivers scalp. They charge double the regular fare, and keep the extra for themselves."

"Everybody's scalping everybody else," Mr. Shilbey added. "It's a dog war. Everything is so crooked."

Free for all

A lonely skater tries out his blades at the Optimist Arena in Niagara Falls. The rink is outside and the skating is free. (Photo by Newell)

Rod Simmons, chairman of the electric car committee, Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers sits where the original motor once was in the electric car they are working to produce — and incidentally, prove that it can be done for under $1,000.

(Photo by Mathias)

IEEE members build an electric 'BUG'

By LIZ MATHIAS

An electric car is being built at Niagara College and should be operating by the end of February — to prove an electric car can be built for under $1,000.

The Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE) is building the car from the skeleton of an old Volkswagen Beetle and many recycled car parts.

The IEEE is so confident of success that members are selling tickets to the students and staff for $1 with the guarantee that if the electric car is not operating on or before Feb. 28, 1978 they will return to each ticket holder $1.50.

The money raised from sale of the tickets will be used with $600 allocated from the Student administrative Council (SAC) to build the car.

An electric car has been built in Montreal for $6,000, Gordon Chen, electronics instructor, said. "We will build our car for under $1,000."

The club has been trying for a year to build an electric one but the first car was a failure.

"When we finished building it we drove it around and at the first turn it burned out," Mr. Chen said. "A wrong calculation was made by the students when they thought it would not need a transmission."

"We learned a lot from that experience."

"We don't want to build an electric car just for an experiment in technology, but as a social and economical benefit to the general public."

The car is designed to encourage the public to build electric cars of their own. They will have easy access to materials and parts through Canadian Tire and Radio Shack. Many of the parts used are from recycled car parts. "Although we have found that a used battery does not work," Mr. Chen said.

A demand for better batteries — the kind an electric car needs to run well would encourage companies to spend more money on research and manufacturing, he said.

IEEE's car will go 60 to 70 kilometers per hour with a range of 70 to 80 kilometers before recharging.

"The range will depend on the size of the driver," he said.

Mr. Chen said the car would be entered in the Bendix International Project Competition and "if we win, the Bendix Corporation will fund the publication of an instruction manual for the building of the car."

NC student wins award

Michael Bird, third year hotel and restaurant student, has won this year's Canadian Restaurant Association Foundation award of $250 and a hand lettered scroll.

"Michael was selected by the faculty of the Hotel and Restaurant Administration program for showing professional promise, leadership qualities and good marks," Derrick Barnett, program co-ordinator, said.

Each year the association gives these awards to one student in each Ontario community college with a hotel program.

The faculty makes a recommendation and then notifies the student who is required to produce a biographical outline, a photograph and a 400-word report on a specific area of interest in the hotel industry.

Embarrass women

By BRENDA FREURE

What do you think of abortion?

Do you use birth control?

What salary do you expect?

Prospective employees should not be asked these questions by employers, says Leslie Lewis, research co-ordinator, Women's Bureau for the Ontario Ministry of Labor.

Mrs. Lewis spoke on guidelines for interviewing to about 25 people involved with the college's affirmative action plan Jan. 30, in the staff lounge in the Black Walnut building.

Employers sometimes ask embarrassing questions. "Employers shouldn't inquire into things that are none of their business," Mrs. Lewis said. "Employers should ask themselves would I like that question? Would I ask a man as well as a woman?"

Women are selected less often for managerial and technicial positions or any demanding and challenging job, even though they may have the exact qualifications as their male counterparts, Mrs. Lewis said.

Four case studies were handed out to the people attending the workshop and they were asked to decide whether they would promote the person in each individual case study based on their qualifications. Unbeknownst to the participants one half of the people in the case studies were female and the other half were male.

"This is a good way of finding out where to start from," Mrs. Lewis said. The participants didn't discriminate against the female in the case studies and treated both female and male alike.

Mrs. Lewis said people have the idea "married women don't have the right to work and should leave the jobs to men. The economy will rise and there will be no unemployment."

"Last month 2½ million women were working and one half million men were unemployed," Mrs. Lewis said. "If women quit working there would be two million surplus jobs."

"Statistics show that 70 per cent of married women between the ages of 20 and 24 work in the labor force and 55 per cent of married women between the ages of 25 and 40 work in the labor force. Single women work for 43 years. Ninety per cent of women work for 25 years or more."

Aids in car crash

Niagara College student, Jim Boyd, 19, enrolled in the ambulance attendants course, received compliments on his performance while helping in a major car accident.

Andrew Duncan, manager at the Oshawa District Ambulance Service, said in a letter to Jennifer Cormier, instructor in the ambulance program, that Jim's actions were worthy of acclaim.

While returning from Toronto's Sick Children's Hospital, the ambulance in which Jim was riding came upon a collision in which five people were injured. The incident report from the supervisor, Bruce Polley, described a scene of extensive destruction coupled with an extremely hazardous environment to work in.

"As you can appreciate the sight of several severely damaged vehicles scattered over an area of several hundred yards whose occupants are screaminig and badly injured can be disconcerting to the uninitiated," Mr. Duncan wrote.

Mr. Polley's report stated, "I was personally impressed by the actions of the persons with me, and particularly with the way in which Mr. Boyd handled himself."

In instances where it is realized that several ambulances will be needed, it is the policy of the Oshawa ambulances that the first ambulance to arrive is established as a resource centre. This means that all of the first aid and immediate care is rendered by the first crew on the scene; in this case it was the ambulance in which Mr. Boyd was riding, Mr. Duncan explained.

45 take breathalyzer at January pub night

About 45 students took a breathalyzer test run by second year law and security students at the Jan. 25 pub.

"Ninety per cent of the students who took the test were not drunk but stoned," Dan Rioux, second year law and security student, said. "The machine doesn't register drug-induced impairment but the police take it into consideration when you go to the police station."

The tests were performed in the staff lounge in the north side of the cafeteria. The breathalyzer machines are the same as those used by the Ontario Provincial Police and the Niagara Regional Police. Each costs about $1,500.

"Most students were trying to beat the machine and get the meter to go over the alcohol impairment level of .08," Dan said. "The majority of the students taking the test acted like immature brats."

Bruce Tallon, counsellor who runs a course on sensible drinking habits, said, "This is just irresponsible drinking behavior, but they are learning how much they can drink before becoming impaired."

When taking the test, a person breathes deeply through a hose. A chemical reaction takes place which registers the alcohol impairment level on the meter.

"If pubs were restricted to Niagara College students, it would be much more successful," Dan said. "A lot of jerks from outside the college were there last night and all they were trying to do was beat the machine so if they were stopped by the police, they could beat them."

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Super-pub concludes carnival

A super-pub to conclude the annual winter carnival is set for Saturday, Feb. 18 with Rose and Shooter appearing.

The pub will be held at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre, 40 McCabe St., Welland, and will end a week of festivities and activities from Feb. 13 to 18 sponsored by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

Tentative plans include tobogan races, snowmobile races, a tug-of-war, a euchre tournament, a pie-eating contest, volleyball and cross-country skiing.

The regular Wednesday pub on Feb. 15 will feature Ruckus. Three buses have been booked to go on a cross-country ski trip to Barrie on Friday, Feb. 17.

A committee of three volunteers has been set up to come up with ideas and plans. Any student with an idea can contact the SAC office.

The Niagara Business Club (NBC) is sponsoring some activities. Bill Fink, president of NBC, said the club is open to suggestions from students for events.

NC selected to give emergency training

Niagara College has been selected to offer a Marine Emergency Measures Training program in conjunction with the federal government, A.S. Manera, said in his last report as college president to the board of governors Jan. 28.

The province and the federal government have signed an agreement outlining the responsibilties of each group concerning this project. Mr. Manera, however, expressed concern that no formal written request has yet been received by the college to offer the program, delaying form planning.

Federal authorities are responsible for building a facility for the program but are consulting and informing the college of new developments. It would be built on location where no public objection will arise as a result, Mr. Manera said. "I think it will be and advantage to the college."

With reference to another new program possibility at Niagara, Mr. Manera said chances that the college will receive approval for a full-time Registered Nurse's Assistant (RNA) program are slim.

Mr. Manera recently met at the college with ministry officials who advised that a part-time program would be more likely to receive approval. This would be a good first step toward eventual approval of the full-time program, Mr. Manera said.

He has asked Fred Habermehl, dean of health sciences, to prepare a proposal seeking approval for the part-time program, involving persons such as hospital orderlies, who are already employed in the health care field.

Ski-Molson's sold out for Feb. 17

About 100 students who tried to reserve seats on the buses going to Ski-Molson's at Barrie were turned away by the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

The trip is a one-day excursion for cross-country skiing, skating and broomball at Molson's Park on Feb. 17. SAC originally booked two buses for the day, and when more students put their names on a waiting list, another bus was added. The third bus filled almost immediately.

About 50 students from Welland Vale expressed an interest in the excursion, but by the time they contacted Pam Walker, SAC's club convener, the three buses were filled. Pam gave a Welland Vale representative the name and phone number of the Ski-Molson's contact and suggested they try to secure another bus.

Pam said she was "really sorry the Welland Vale people couldn't come." She said even though they don't pay an activity fee, arrangements could have been made for them to go if they had called earlier.

Tennis lessons for less with community ed

Learn how to play tennis at reasonable rates with the community education division of Niagara College

The program is being held at the Niagara Regional Racquet Club, Niagara Regional Exhibition Building, for those who want to learn to play or improve their skills.

Times for the courses are 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the cost is $11, plus $5 for supplies.

Dates for the courses are: Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 8, 13, and 15; Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 20, 22, 27 and March 1; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Feb. 21, 23, 27 and March 2.

At the races

Dog sled races at the Welland Winter Carnival Jan. 22 attracted spectators of all kinds, including these two canines who appear anxious to participate. (Photo by Brenner)

Night skiing on KB slopes with NBC

The Niagara Business Club (NBC) has organized a ski trip to Kissing Bridge tomorrow (Feb. 7) that is open to everyone in the college.

Lift tickets and transportation are provided by the club. The cost is $7.50 for club members and $9.20 for non-members. Membership is open to anyone at the college and the cost is 75 cents. Anyone interested may sign up at the NBC office.

The bus leaves the Woodlawn campus at 4 p.m. and returns at midnight. Rental equipment is available there.

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the location for the centre by A. S. Manera, former president, for a variety of reasons, Mr. Repar said. One was that the project gives the college another chance to serve a major community in the region.

SPORTS

Niagara forward Sam Ferussi jousts on a jump with Daemen player. (Photo by Kelly)

Daemen dumps Knights 89—65

By ROB KELLY

The Knights bowed to the Daemen Demons of Buffalo in an exhibition game on Jan. 31 by a score of 89-65, but it was an honorable enough defeat.

The Daemen team is 11-2 for the season. They beat McMaster University the other night, and McMaster is the fifth ranked basketball university in Canada.

Daemen coach Mike Eckenrath said: "We have a lot of talent to draw on in the Buffalo area," and indeed they do.

Most of the people on the Demons looked like they had been playing basketball since before they gave up baseball cards and Saturday morning cartoons, and they made jump shots from 15 feet that appeared to be sucked into the net by a magnet.

First points

The Knights put the first points on the board, thanks to Mike Kicul and the fast footwork of guard Marcel LaRoche. LaRoche demonstrated excellent speed and ball control throughout the game and emerged as Niagara's top scorer with 16 points, followed closely by Kicul with 13.

The Knights played a zone defence against the tall, fast Demons. The zone worked pretty well except when the Demons managed to slip inside it. Their height paid off under the boards and while centre Ted Kicinski gave them a tough time on rebounds, too often he was only one man against a crowd of other big men.

Pass plays

The Knights beat the Demons in pass plays under the net several times but their shooting wasn't too accurate. Their first half shooting average was only 31 per cent.

Played hard

The Knights played hard for the entire half but the Demon forwards could hit the basket from too far away too often. When one half ended the Knights were down 40-28.

Both teams played hard in the second half. Daemen kept a twenty point-lead, sometimes more, for most of the half. With about four minutes left, they were ahead 80-50 but they didn't seem too happy.

Impression

One got the impression they had expected to stomp NC into the ground and then spit on them. At one point in the second half when they were ahead by at least 20 points, a Demon player moaned from the bench: "Let's get some points on the board."

In the last four minutes of the game, the Knights grabbed 15 points and their good defensive play held the Demons to nine. The final score was 89-65.

"If we play like we did against St. Clair (next game at press time) or anybody else in our league, they'll have a tough time beating us," said Knight's coach Peter Rylander. "I'm happy with the way everybody hustled tonight."

Incident

One incident marred the game. When it was over two players on the Daemen team approached the Knights for the customary handshake, but the rest of the American team left the court as soon as the buzzer sounded.

Maybe the sportsmanlike Demon players don't want to strain any ligaments in the hands they hope to sign their NBA contracts with.

Smile, it's Bonhomme!

Bonhomme waves to spectators on the last day of the Welland Winter Carnival. The day ended in a colorful display of fireworks.
(Photo by Brenner)

Members of the Knights and the Roadrunners rush at the Welland Arena. The Knights were defeated towards the puck during the Jan. 28 hockey game 8—2. (Photo by Kelly)

Penalties set scene for NC loss

A game full of penalties and frustration for the hockey Knights set the scene for the team's loss to the St. Lawrence Roadrunners 8-2 on Jan. 28.

Fifteen penalties for the Knights, including a 10-minute misconduct against Mike Stubbins for shooting the puck at the referee, were weighted against 13 two-minute ones for the Roadrunners.

"We may have approached them too lightly," said goalie Doug Radelja. "We tied them before (6-6), but they were an improved team."

The game started out fairly even. Both teams scored one goal apiece early in the first period. With four minutes remaining, the Roadrunners slipped the puck by goalie Brian Elliot to take the lead and they never looked back.

In the second period, the pace of the game made it look like it was being played on peanut butter, not ice. The Knights were all over the Roadrunners five minutes into the period but they couldn't score. St. Lawrence was served the puck on a silver platter several times when Knight's shooters gave it away carelessly.

"We're not thinking — not playing heads up hockey," said Radelja. "We pass when we should be shooting, and shoot when we should be passing."

The Roadrunners scored three times in about the time it takes to eat a chocolate bar in the middle of the second.

With five minutes left in the period, the Knights changed goalies and Doug Radelja took over the net-minding duties.

The Knights were playing two men short though, and the pressure was too heavy on their net. The Roadrunners lit the red light again and the period ended with the Knights down five goals, 6-1.

Action got a little hotter in the final period. The Knights were still playing short-handed and they made several very good defensive efforts around their own net. The Roadrunners popped in two more goals despite that, but with 6:49 remaining NC retaliated with a goal from Cliff Sexton.

That's the way the game ended, but at least the Knights had the last word.

Canadian golf team third in tournament

By HEATHER REID

Rod Spittle, son of Jack Spittle, Niagara's property and plant manager, and Graham Cook moved Canada from sixth to third place in an international golf tournament in January.

Eighteen countries took part in the tournament in Bogata, Colombia. Taiwan was first, Germany, second, and Canada third, with a total score of 592.

The golf course was 7,500 yards long and in excellent condition. Due to the high elevation of 9,000 feet the ball travelled farther, Mr. Spittle said, and on a par four Rod took a two iron and a flip wedge to reach the green.

"It was a pleasure for Rod to play with young people from other countries," Mr. Spittle said.

There was an exchange of gifts and Rod's tie and T-shirt with their maple leaf print and Royal Canadian Association crest were greatly sought after.

When Rod was leaving Colombia, he ran into a "flagrant example of hold-up," Mr. Spittle said. Customs officials demanded $90 to check Rod's luggage, he said.

On Feb. 9, 1978, Rod, who is the Canadian Amateur Golf champion, will represent amateur golf in Canada at a benefit dinner at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. All aspects of sports will be represented and the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers is the featured speaker.

Rod attends Ohio State on a golf scholarship and is co-captain of the team. Other captains of Ohio State were Jack Nicklaus and Tom Weiscoff.

Bassi wins semifinal disqualified in final

Fred Bassi won one fight but was disqualified in a controversial heavyweight final match against Quebec heavyweight champion Michel Morin in his bid for the Ontario-Quebec Golden Gloves Championship in Toronto on Jan. 28.

Bassi, a physical education instructor at Niagara, won a unanimous decision over Derja Pendora to make it to the finals held at the King Edward Hotel. About 200 guests paid $30 a head for dinner and the best seats.

"Pendora's a big guy, about 6' 1" and 220 pounds," Bassi said. "It was a hard fight. He kept crowding me. He's a slugger — nothing fancy, flat-footed and swinging from the hip. I let big guys come to me."

In his second fight, Fred faced the 6' 4" 200 pound Morin in a three-round bout. "He was moving around a lot. I ran at him, which isn't generally a good thing ot do, but when I moved in he backed up."

It was when Morin was moving back that Bassi caught him with what the French-Canadian referee considered low blows. When Morin retreated he stood up straighter, and although Bassi felt sure the punches were above the belt, the referee disagreed. "I think he (Morin) was looking for a way out of the fight," he said. "He might have been nervous."

A lot of fighters were cut in the bouts. "In amateur boxing, the gloves are supposed to weigh 10 ounces but I think five of those ounces (in the tournament gloves) were in the wrists," Bassi said.

With 21 fights behind him, Fred is the number one contender for the Ontario Championship to be held in Welland in April. "I plan to fight well in front of the people in Welland," he said. "Then I'll probably retire in September. We've got a lot of good kids in the Welland Boxing Club, and I want to help them out."

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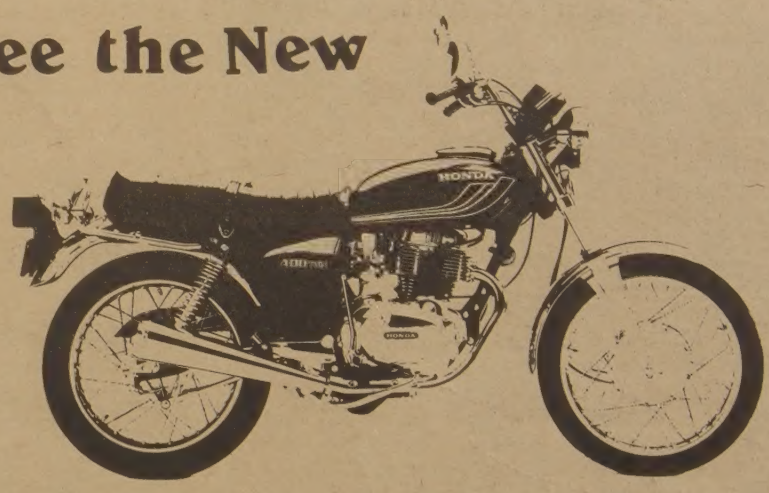

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Antarctic or Niagara?

No, it isn't a weather station in Antarctica! It's Ted Manning, first-year electronic technology student and member of the amateur radio club at the college, repairing a cable that connects the 50-foot antenna to the radios in the club offices. Club members built the two-meter beam on the antenna. A section six-foot long was blown down in the storm but repairs will have to wait for better weather. The radio club has also added a slow-scan television unit to their system. This unit can receive radio teletype and still pictures.The college sends out call numbers and pictures of various "odds and ends. (Photo by Skrzeszewski)

Enrolment fairly stable

Niagara College enrolment is fairly stable with an increase of 24 students over this time last year. Enrolment statistics released last week show 2,178 full-time day students on Feb. 1, compared to 2,154 on Feb. 1 last year.

"This is a no growth period for colleges and universities," John Parrett, registrar, said. "Government cutbacks in education allow us only so much for a budget and although we could take more students, we haven't the money for additional staff or facilities."

Part time enrolment is up, however, as 3,251 were registered at this time last year and there are close to 3,500 now. "A lot more people are just going back to school," Mr. Parrett said. "Large companies such as General Motors and Atlas Steel are sending employees back for retraining and upgrading rather than handling them internally. There's a terrific future for part time courses at this college."

Mr. Parrett said registration is higher in the fall than in the winter — full-time day registration in November was 2,409 — "but with the greater number of high schools graduating students in the semester system in January, we are going to have to accommodate more winter full time students in the future."

December registration does not seem to affect the number of students paying late fees.

Celebrate Canada: $500 from Welland?

Welland finance committee has recommended that city council give $500 to Niagara College to help with the Celebrate Canada Festival.

The next council meeting is tomorrow night (Feb. 7).

Gail Hilyer, co-ordinator of the festival, and Eileen Muir, chairman of the publicity committee, appeared at a finance committee meeting Jan. 24 and asked Welland to contribute towards $3,000 to help support the festival.

"We are hoping to get $3,000 from the three major minicipalities, Ms Hilyer told the committee. "There is an indication Niagara College will receive funding from another community, but we don't know how much."

The college will apply for a Wintario grant for the festival March 15 to 18, she said. Wintario will only give a grant on the basis of public funds the college has raised for the festival, not college funds.

Last year's Celebrate Canada Festival had a similar format as the one planned for this year, Ms Hilyer said. "We received excellent feedback and members from this community and others said why don't you do it again." All activities at the festival are free except the Leacock Festival of Humour which costs $2.

The college received private support from a local industry last year but it is unable to contribute this year due to economic difficulties, Ms Hilyer said.

E.F. Stranges, chairman of the finance committee and member of the college board of governors, said he was present at the festival last year and found it quite impressive.

One finance committee member suggested Mr. Stranges "sit on the other side since he doesn't appear too neutral."

"This is another way of opening the doors to the community," Ms Hilyer said.

The Niagara South Board of Education is providing the use of Centennial High School for the St. Catharines Symphony concert.

SAC gives $500

A donation of $500 has been given to Niagara College's Celebrate Canada festival by the Student Administrative Council (SAC). SAC is also selling lapel flags to help raise money for festival activities.

Withdraw charges

A charge of assault by trespass against Communist Ron Blake was withdrawn in provincial court last Thursday.

Mr. Blake was arrested Jan. 19 while distributing a communist newspaper at Niagara College, Welland.

Before the hearing Mr. Blake said he would be satisfied if the college withdrew the charge.

Library benefits: microfiche, microfilm, magazines

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many have prepared files of video tapes to complement their particular area of teaching.

The list of indexes in the library which can tell a student where to find current or past news or magazine articles on any given subject is too long to recount. The largest and probably most used is the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature. This index lists magazine titles and articles by subject. The library carries about 500 magazines. The student simply looks in the index under the subject he is researching to find what magazine has an article on that subject and when it was printed.

Other indexes which are useful are the New York Times Index and the Canadian Newspaper Index which list the newspaper, issue, date, page and column where a student can find an article about his area of interest. There are several other indexes some of which are specialized, such as the Applied Science and Technology Index, the Humanities Index, the Engineering Index and the Business Periodicals Index.

Mr. Kees estimates the cost of keeping all these indexes at about $4,000 to $5,000 a year. He says he considers these one of the most important services available in the library and well worth the yearly expense.

"The secret of success working with the indexes is practice," Mr.Kees says, and the more a person uses them the easier they become to use. The library is there for the students' benefit, he says, and the staff is always willing to help.

The advantages of storing information on microfilm are compactness and permanence. Since paper tends to deteriorate quickly and because it uses so much room, some publications are transferred to microfilm. Maclean Magazine, the Financial Post, the Globe and Mail, Time and Newsweek all are stored on microfilm back to about 1970.

There is a microfilm reader in the audio visual section of the library, with simple instructions for use.

However there is an even more compact and efficient way of storing information being used for some purposes now. It is called microfiche and by this method about 90 pages of a publication can be put onto one 6"X5" card. Mr. Kees has a sample of microfiche card on which is stored the complete score for Beethoven's Third Symphony.

The microfiche reader is even simpler to operate than the microfilm reader. Right now only "a very, miscellaneous collection of material" is available on microfiche, but part of that collection is a file on Canadiana in the Toronto Public Library taken from original volumes, some dating back to the 1700s.

The one section which might tend to confuse students is the government documents section. Here are filed federal and provincial government documents and publications from Statistics Canada. They are all indexed, "I don't think terribly well, but then they didn't ask me to do it," Mr. Kees says.

Governments issue more material volume than any other area, he says. Most material is arranged by the department which issued it, but because governments tend to shuffle departments, responsibilities and people, the filing becomes complicated.

Instructors have been known to get just as lost as anyone else in the government maze and library staff seems to know where to find what people are looking for.

The reference section is almost a whole library in itself and contains encyclopedias, both general and specific and indexes on everything from news of the last 10 years to Shakespeare's works. Enormous unabridged dictionaries and atlases almost too heavy to lift can be found there as well as encyclopedias on art, health, literature and decorating, to name just a few. There are dictionaries ranging from the 13-volume Oxford to a dictionary of slang expressions.

The only areas lacking in information are what has happened in the world in the past two months and local happenings of no national note. The two-month gap is due to the time lag in compiling and sending files to the library. The staff tries to overcome this lag by keeping a vertical file on some subject areas from current papers.

Local happenings can usually be traced through area newspapers which all keep files of their own publications and will help in locating any item needed.

The library also has an inter-library loan system with the public libraries in the peninsula and a loan arrangement with Brock's library.

There is never lack of space or equipment for collecting or viewing information found in the library. Ten study booths, some with type-writers, the microfilm and microfiche readers three seminar rooms for film or video-tape viewing in groups, two projectors and screens upstairs, and many study areas through out the library make finding space to pile books and papers or park oneself for some in-depth research always easy.

Seeing all the information and equipment available in the library, one is then shocked to hear Mr. Kees say it is all out of date. The reason of course is computerized information, already being offered by Southam Press in Toronto on a computer terminal or phone-in basis. Considering that just after World War II computers were not even heard of, the explosion of information technology will be a long time catching up to itself.

There is one more little-known service Mr. Kees mentioned. If an instructor or student knows a particular television program coming up will cover his area of study, he may request that it be put on videotape by the library for future reference. For example, a series on popular music will be run on the Ontario Educational channel 19, and will be videotaped for the radio-television program at the college.

Film freaks can enjoy some of the library's 1,000 video-tapes and films, proudly displayed here by Stephen Kees, senior librarian. (Photo by Newell)